

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Office Action dated October 16, 2003 indicates that Claims 8-12 are allowed, for which indication the Applicant expresses his appreciation.

The Office Action further indicates that Claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

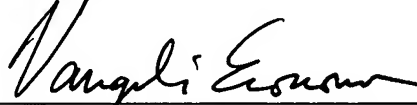
By this amendment claim 1 has been rewritten to include the previous limitations, which were previously recited in Claim 6, now cancelled. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of Claim 1, prior to amendment. Claim 4 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, to recite that the cover has a closed end that is in alignment with the open end of the dust barrel. Dependency of Claim 7 has been amended to depend from Claim 1, instead of previous Claim 6, now cancelled. New Claims 13 and 14 have been added to further include dependent claim limitations from each of independent Claims 1 and 2. No new matter has been added.

A new drawing FIG. 1 is attached hereto, including the designation that FIG. 1 is "PRIOR ART" in accordance with the suggestion made in the Office Action dated October 16, 2003. Both a replacement page and a correction page, showing the changes in red ink markings are attached.

For the above reasons, it is considered that the claims, as amended, find support in the application specification as filed, and that the combination of elements recited in the pending claims, as amended, distinguish over the references of record. All formal matters have been

complied with. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested an indication of allowable subject matter is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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